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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested a slew of measures including the setting up of Public Health Development Authority with corpus of Rs. 500 crore and launching of `Sarwa Swasthya Abhiyan` to make health care accessible to all;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in a midterm appraisal, the Plan panel has pointed out that said authority would use the funds to expand capacity in the public health care system and to develop information technology infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to implement the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission in its mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan, has amongst other measurers recommended setting up of a Public Health Development Authority (PHDA) with a corpus of Rs. 500 crore, to set standards for quality assurance in health care; develop and disseminate national practice guidelines and consumer information; reform professional councils; build capacity in public health and develop Information Technology Infrastructure for Health. They have also recommended launching a `Sarwa Swasthya Abhiyan` in a manner similar to the `Sarwa Shiksha Abhiyan` launched in 2001. Planning Commission has suggested that the resources may be augmented by accessing the WB, IDA credit on the same basis as being done for the `Sarwa Shiksha Abhiyan`. These interventions have been recommended for implementation during the Eleventh Plan.